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It would certainly serve the purpose of justice if you are pleased to allow a half-hour debate on this question, because there are more things which are still unanswered and there are so many matters of doubt that have to be cleared. There is no use the Hon. the Chief Minister saying that no purpose will be served by having a debate in this House after the magistrate has given a finding. I submit to you, Sir, every purpose will be served if at least one case is thoroughly examined on the floor of the House. Otherwise, it would serve as a bad encouragement to the Police."

MR. SPEAKER :—" As for the request of the hon. the Leader of the Opposition, I must remind him that I have given enough time for this question. In case the hon. Member wants to have further information, I suggest to him to give notice of a separate question. It is not possible to have a half-hour debate, as we are going to rise at six o'clock."

Distribution of yarn to fishermen.

* 122 Q.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the procedure being adopted by the Government in the matter of supplying yarn for making nets by the fishermen?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The Fisheries Department procures yarn to meet the requirements of fishermen in accordance with the monthly allotments made by the Director of Controlled Commodities from specified mills. These allotments are based on the monthly indents sent by the Fisheries Department. From the procured stocks, supplies are made to fishermen co-operative societies who are permitted to distribute the yarn to members as well as non-members. The Fisheries Department has also opened 30 depots at suitable centres for direct distribution of yarn to individual fishermen who are not members of co-operative societies.

" The distribution of yarn to fishermen is made both for mending old nets and for making new nets. Yarn supplied for the former purpose is sold at a subsidized rate in order to induce fishermen to bring back to use the nets in disrepair."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know, Sir, the rate of subsidy given for the yarn last year and the rate given this year? " 11-30 a.m.

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Last year it was 25 per cent. This year it has been reduced to 6¼ per cent, but the Director of Fisheries has made proposals to restore the old subsidy in view of the fact that the price of yarn has fallen down."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Question Hour is over. The answers to the remaining starred questions will be printed in the proceedings."